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## *NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)*

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Dear brethren in Christ,

my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you enjoying all God's blessings. We would like to express you our sincere thankfulness for all you're doing to allow us to preach the gospel in a city as Rome, capital of human traditionalism and modern paganism. False teaching and moral bad examples surround us day by day and the preaching of the gospel faces obvious obstacles. In spite of all, we'll be continuing to do our best in reaching as many as possible to the Word of Christ. We ask your prayers, thought and patience to achieve this important effort.

**PERSONAL NEWS.** Our family is doing well. We're still surrounded by the warm affection of many brethren, considering the loss of my dad Alessandro. His works are following him beyond our expectations. Our two grandchildren, Alessandro (4 years next October) and Alice (2 and half) are our deep joy.

My mother Elisabetta is still in Hospital. Several problems are causing all this. I'm working for a future recovering in structures able to take care of her daily. I'm dealing day by day by documents to be done and waiting list to accomplish it. It seems to me that her situation is slowly degenerating but still strong enough to survive. We're still paying a nurse to stay close to her to help in many practical ways.

**PREACHING EFFORTS IN ROME.** The local work at via Sannio is going. We're meeting to decide future programs and preaching activities. We hope to make good and wise decisions.

I'm keeping on the individual Bible classes that I have with the young member of the church and with new contacts. It's a long and patient work.

We're actually working on the new Bible children classes, trying to add new material and good ideas to involve the group in following with interest. Also this work is obviously long but we trust in the good fruits following.

During mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching out of Peter's epistle, a solid and basic doctrinal writing.

We also heard of a new movement coming from China, "The Church of the Almighty God" or "The Light coming from East", that is trying to make followers over here. They

usually begin attending native churches, trying to teach their false teaching, introducing videos and directed writings. For instance, they teach that Christ appears in 1991 in China to start a new age of preaching and repentance, waiting for the immediate coming of Christ's "Millennium Reign". A sort of modern Jehovah's witnesses. I'll begin studying and teaching on the new phenomenon. We're interested and particularly careful about that since we had a group of Chinese women attending our services. We want to know if there is a sort of bond or pure coincidence. The human religious pattern seems not to change along the centuries!

We should start soon a class on hymns, trying to learn new songs and improve in the congregational singing. For a couple of months we will dedicate a weekly meeting to learn more. It's a way, though, to be together and singing to God.

Our general average attendance is about 50, with good new contacts and friends attending.

The new local work at **Ciampino**, where **Marco di Martino** is locally working, is also encouraging us, notwithstanding the hardship to start a local work from very beginning. There are good contacts and weekly Bible classes going on. We're doing what we can to be of help and encouragement.

My financial situation is just fine and not changing is involved. However, if you need a more detailed information about my incomes, let me know and I'll provide with an accurate list of all.

**VISITORS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.** Also these past weeks we had the joy to meet many brethren visiting Rome, mostly coming from American churches. I'd like to remember them.

We sincerely thank all those brethren for their good example and encouragement.

Thanks again for your help and constant fellowship. All the brethren in Rome send their best greetings and love.

Antonella, Valeria & Paolo send their good wishes. God may continue to bless and keep us safe in His kingdom.

***"They of Italy salute you".***

*Stefano Corazza*